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"The Army of Retribution" is the name of a political organization started in Philadelphia to boom the Tilden ticket. It will soon be known as the "army of distribution."

The possible effect of such premature conclusions as the late excitement at Gause shows to have seized the people of that village is related with emphasis in the telegraphic account of the tragic affair at Danville, Va., where seven men paid with their lives for an unnecessary explosion of feeling between the whites and negroes. The conditions at Gause were favorable for a fight, and that the unthoughtful mob did not precipitate a fatal riot was due more to the fortune of circumstances than to any deserving merit of their own.

The crisis of Mahone's fate lies in the election in Virginia to-morrow. If the motley combination of repudiators and Republicans hold their own, he will still stand as the boss of the Republican party. If he fails his day of triumph will have ended. He will still hold out as United States senator for four years, but his power will have departed. No combinations will seek him when it is known that he is merely the superfluous relic of a decayed issue.

The death of little Charlie McCann adds another victim to the imbecile administration at Washington. The Indian bureau is chargeable with his murder. His Apache captors were governed by their natural instincts when they killed him, but the responsibility rests on the wretched system that suppressed the vigor of a relentless campaign against the Indians that would have rescued him and subdued them if the settlers of New Mexico and Arizona had been allowed to take the field.

With a thorough and far-reaching sewerage system to drain the city; with several miles of graded and macadamized streets; with the best water works system in the state, supplemented by never-failing and inexhaustible artesian wells of the purest soft water; with one of the finest and most perfectly-appointed opera houses in the state; with a dressed-beef refrigerating establishment that will slaughter and put up two hundred beavers per day and give employment to hundreds of men; with four heavily-capitalized banks, four or five railway lines centering here, a progressive and intelligent population of 15,000 souls to back it all—with all these it does look as if Fort Worth would be a good place for some man to put about \$100,000 in a big hotel; and it does look as if we could furnish the support to make a good free library a flourishing institution. If not, why not?

Many of the smaller country towns in the Northern states sustain excellent circulating libraries by a system that if adopted in Fort Worth would give us as good a library as would be wanted. A joint stock association is formed with a capital of a few thousand dollars, which, when paid in by stockholders, forms a fund for the purchase of a choice assortment of miscellaneous books and the furnishing of a suitable room. Members of the association are allowed the use of the contents of the library gratis, and subscribers are taken at a low rate—two or three dollars a year—which entitles them to the privileges of the library for the time of their subscription. Non-subscribers may draw books from the library by the payment of a trifling sum—five or ten cents a week—for the time which the books are actually in their possession. The reading-room is free. This is the basis of a good circulating library, and it could easily be worked up in Fort Worth so as to pay a fair dividend, in a short time, to the stockholders of the association. It but needs a start, and success will be assured.

Gov. Ireland's Request of Gen. Augur.

The statement has been published, and passes uncontested, that Gov. Ireland, when impressed with the belief that the negroes were in arms at Gause, applied to the United States

military commander at San Antonio for the two companies of regulars stationed there. It seems incomprehensible that the governor should have taken this step, but his simple denial of the statement, if he did not do it, will settle the matter. It is only fair to presume that in the urgency of the moment he did not stop to think of the laws regulating the use of federal troops in the states. In any one of the territories a military commander might and would have responded to such a request from the civil authorities, because the federal power has larger scope in the territories than in states. But in this instance, whatever Gen. Augur's disposition in the premises, he was clearly powerless, unless ordered by the president to furnish a soldier or a gun to the state of Texas to suppress purely local disorders. Gov. Ireland doubtless forgot the long and stubborn fight in congress, now seven years ago, over this very question of using United States soldiers in the states, either as a *posse comitatus*, or as adjuncts of the civil power. Had Gen. Augur complied with the request he would have committed a grave misdemeanor, rendering himself amenable to legal penalties. He knew his duty and politely declined to furnish any soldiers. Such, at least, is the story that comes from San Antonio, and we have not heard of its being contradicted. It would be pleasant to find that it is a canard. But granting its accuracy, there can be but the one conclusion, by way of explanation, and that is that our worthy governor, in his anxiety to utilize every resource for suppressing disorder, simply lost sight of the status of the military, and their bountiful duty to remain quiescent, leaving the state to regulate its own household troubles. There was great rejoicing throughout the North when congress so forbade the use of troops, and it is rather cheering to reflect that only in the gravest emergencies can the national military be invoked to the aid of the civil authorities. Had there really been an *enemis* and armed hostilities Gov. Ireland would have had to first exhaust every resource of state power, and then call, as a *dernier* resort, upon the president, and not upon any subordinate. It is to be hoped the day will never come that brings such a necessity. There is no need to criticize the governor with asperity or unkindness, for he was sincere and prompt in his anxiety, but all in all the affair is rather amusing.

Ex-Gov. Roberts was so jealous of the paternal phases of the federal government that he even objected to the shipment of German cars from Washington, as a piece of paternal intermeddling altogether unnecessary. It would be interesting to hear the good old man's estimate of this request of Gov. Ireland.

Our Foreign Citizenship.

Some surprising facts are to be found in the tales told by the statistics of population as ascertained by the census of 1880. The most startling is the preponderating numbers of the foreign-born population of some of the Northwestern states and territories whether the tide of European immigration has for several years set strongly.

To be told that there are states of political importance where the native population is almost equaled by the foreigners who have come in and filled up the country, will be news to the people at large. Such is indeed the fact, as a scrutiny of the tables of population as returned by the census of 1880 will assure one. The states where the bulk of immigration has been centered, and its relative strength and numbers to the home-born population, can best be understood by a glance at the following table:

State.	Native.	Foreign.
California.....	571,823	382,874
Minnesota.....	513,957	287,601
Wisconsin.....	516,722	315,427
Takota.....	32,332	31,795
Utah.....	39,309	43,621

The influence in a popular form of government of a mass of semi-alien equals in some of the states to one-half the native-born population must be perceptible in the laws.

Whether this influence is wholesome, in its effects is a question to be urged with fairness and met with candor.

That it has impressed any peculiar or characteristic features upon the body of the cedes of those states where its weight is most overwhelming does not appear upon inspection. The most consummate phase of such a condition is perhaps to be found in the clannish feeling which pervades communities where certain foreign nationalities predominate and the tendency to segregation from the native inhabitants and the perpetuation of alien customs, languages, manners and feelings.

A case in the point may be cited in the present political campaign in Minnesota, where the foreign population exceeds one-half the native.

The candidate for governor of one of the political parties is a native of Sweden, and his election is claimed on the strength of his ability to control the Swedish vote which is very powerful.

It is not claimed that his special fitness for the office recommends him to the preference of the Swedes, but the accidental fact of his race connection with them is the basis of his demand for their support. Such a feeling as leads Germans or Irish or Swedes to prefer a political candidate of their re-

spective nationality solely because of such fraternal identity is reprehensible and deserves to be discouraged. If the practice were carried to its logical conclusion, its disastrous results would not encourage its longer continuance.

When people come to this country, absolve their allegiance to the lands of their nativity and assume the station of citizenship in the land of their adoption, they should never forget that they are, first of all, Americans. The love of fatherland is a common and honorable feeling to all, and an attachment to the pleasant homes that are left behind in England, in Germany, in Sweden or in France is not to be found fault with; but that affection is not to be carried into the affairs of their new life by exhibitions of national chauvinism and jealousy.

“Be not swift to offend;

Let it pass!
Anger is a foe to worse;
Let it pass!
Brood not darkly over a wrong
Which will disappear ere long,
Ratherising the cheery song—
Let it pass!
Let it pass!

THE raisin harvest in California is very satisfactory.

BRAZIL has 1,500,000 slaves, about one-fifth of whom are Indians.

AN AKRON, Ohio, physician is still in active practice at the age of ninety-one.

A SEVENTEEN-year-old boy is the superintendent of a Sunday-school in Toccoa, Georgia.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S inconsolable grief for John Brown has reduced her weight to 20 pounds.

A BOSTON singer, who has warbled for fourteen years, recommended raw oysters for coughs.

THAT wasn't a Chinese laundry Mary Churchill was found in. It was run by a Melican man.

DIO LEWIS says American women need sunbath and not paint and powder to improve their complexion.

THE Texas papers turn green with envy when they pick up their esteemed contemporaries printed at Tyler these days.

THE celebrated Dr. Tanner languishes in a Washington jail, the penalty of having practiced medicine contrary to law.

GOV. FOSTER of Ohio does not seem to be in a hurry about his Thanksgiving proclamation. Perhaps he is waiting for a suggestion from Foraker.

ABOUT fifteen miles south of Troy, Ala., it is said there are about twenty acres of forest trees in a body waded and dead from the effects of the drought.

THERE is much talk in Texas papers about cross-seating by the Ohio Republicans. A dash of snow, if not two dashes, will be set before the journalistic kings in due season.

THE Kennebec Journal says that the tea companies of Maine have not realized any profit this year, the price of tea having been low and labor having been scarce and high.

FURTHER reports from China confirm rather than contradict the stories of cruelties and massacre by the French troops, in spite of the early official denials of unfounded accounts.

CONNECTICUT farmers, the Hartford Times charges, are humorously given to buying oleomargarine, molding it over houses and supplying it in Hartford as the genuine product of their own dairies.

MISS HILL of California, after failing to establish herself as the wife of ex-Senator Sharon, now wants to secure a divorce from him. The \$10,000,000 furnishes the most important feature of the drama.

PEARLS are not a disease of the oyster, says an authority on the subject, but little grains of sand which, becoming encysted in the oyster, are finally covered with a smooth deposit—which is the pearl.

WHILE some men were digging a well in Ohio the other day, they struck a vein of gas. Scientists account for it by stating that a politician or auctioneer must have been buried at the spot several years ago.

A LITTLE chick of four years, at Pawtucket, R. I., surprised his mother the other night by adding the following to his evening prayer: “God bless papa and mama, Aunt Lizzie and brother Titus, and Tilly and all the other kids.”

THE Baltimore Sun says the cheapest and best gymnasium in the world—one that will exercise every bone and muscle in the body—is a flat piece of steel, notched in one side, fitted tightly into a wooden frame, and, after being greased on both sides with a bacon rind, rubbed into a stick of wood laid lengthwise on a sawbuck.

MRS. PETER OFFENBACHER, NEAR Cleveland, Ohio, died thirty-four years ago. Her husband died five years later. Yesterday the bodies were disinterred for removal to a new cemetery. The body of Mrs. Offenbacher was found in a perfect state of preservation and the features were as natural as in life. The remains have been placed on exhibition in the village.

THE Mormon apostles, who travel in luxuriously sleeping coaches and represent themselves as being modeled on the apostles of primitive times, own and run a bank, street railroads, an opera house and a mammoth trolley line in Salt Lake City, control the Utah Central railroad and collect \$30,000 a year in titles from the faithful followers of the Church of Latter Day Saints.

THE father of the late Duke of Portland used to say that he was the wealthiest living Englishman, for though his revenue might not be so large as that of some others, no one had more available cash. Lord Derby is in a similar agreeable position. His income from land alone is £20,000 per annum, and he may be credited with at least as much more as will make up £20,000 per annum. His wife is a famous heiress, and they are childless.

MOST of the actors doing the leading business of a theater to-day are nearly six feet high, and if a good actor can get his weight up to 160 pounds, the dramatic News

says that his services readily command a weekly salary of just a dollar a pound. It was Charles R. Thorne, Jr., who set the example of large men on the stage. Leading actors used to be pretty well paid at \$75 or \$100 a week, but they were lean and sometimes short. At present \$200 or \$250 a week is considered a merely fair salary.

The Fort Worth Style.

(Waco Day.)

Fort Worth is discussing the electric light. And if the Fort decides that she wants it she will have it, without any dilly-dallying and no matter what it costs. That's the Fort Worth style.

Make Honors Easy.

(Chicago Herald.)

Georgia has taken a long step in advance by punishing several members of a Ku-Klux organization. Now let Massachusetts send its poor-house monsters to the penitentiary, and honors will be easy.

Stick to the Farm.

(Hubbard City News.)

The papers are full of articles headed “Boys, Stick to the Farm!” The boys on the black lands stick every time they get out of doors in wet weather. What they want is a good reliable recipe for pulling loose without taking the farm along with them.

On the Side of the Lord and Law.

(Gatesville Advance.)

The Fort Worth GAZETTE, now acknowledged to be the leading paper of North Texas, is an illustration of the rapid development and financial prosperity of the state. It would not be possible for so good a paper to be published in a non-progressive section. In conjunction with its other admirable features, it has established a branch at Washington City, where all Texas visitors are cordially invited to call when they visit that city. Another noted improvement in the paper is its honest and able arguments in favor of God, the Bible, law, and order.

A Hunter's Tale.

(Austin Statesman.)

J. Ward Smith was in the city yesterday and reported a strange adventure he had with a large wolf on Onion creek. His dog cornered the wolf and as the wolf was getting the better of the dog Mr. Smith went to the rescue of the animal, when the wolf turned upon him, attacking him in the most furious manner. A furious battle ensued between the man and the wild beast, but Mr. Smith finally got the denizen of the forest by the nape of the neck and lifting him by main force actually hung him in the forks of a tree near by, and the battle ended.

A Loaded Trunk.

(Clarksville Standard.)

As the baggage train or smashers threw Capt. Rand's trunk out of the car last Sunday a horse pistol that the captain had been using to scare off the mosquitoes, and which he had laid away in his trunk for future reference, exploded, the ball striking one of the car wheels. It is very fortunate that the ball took this course as the platform was full of people and the wonder is that some one was not wounded. We don't suppose the baggage man knew the captain's trunk "was loaded," or if he did we don't suppose he thought it likely to go off "half-roasted."

A Big Hotel Needed.

(Mineral Wells Echo.)

Fort Worth with its increasing population, with her railroads, her manufactures, her schools, her churches, her merchants and her enterprising population, as well as with her intelligent and well-conducted newspapers, to say nothing of the good morals of her citizens, was a first-class hotel, one that will cost at least \$100,000 and large enough to answer the demands of that city. Fort Worth is a beautiful and prosperous city and should have a palatial hotel, one not smaller than five hundred rooms, with all modern appliances and in the hands of a first-class manager. Such an hotel will be worth millions to Fort Worth. Why don't some enterprising capitalist build it?

Wears the Horns.

(Clarksville Standard.)

The Fort Worth GAZETTE, exhibiting its usual spirit of enterprise and liberality, has opened a branch office at Washington City, at which each visitor to the capital from my Southern state is cordially invited to register his name, etc. This we believe is a new departure for a Texas publication, and in this as in Texas journalism, the GAZETTE wears the horns. Under its new management it has developed into one of the ablest, newest and most sparkling dailies in the South, and it reaches us the same day of publication.

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